Variegated Candelabra Aloe

Aloe arborescens 'Variegata'

Plant Height: 3 feet

Flower Height: 4 feet

Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: Krantz Aloe

Description:

A multiple branched variety with a shrubby habit; beautiful rosettes of succulent, toothed, sword shaped leaves striped with pale yellow; occasionally produces erect racemes of tubular red flowers

Ornamental Features

Variegated Candelabra Aloe features showy racemes of red flowers rising above the foliage from late winter to late fall. Its succulent sword-like leaves remain bluish-green in color with showy buttery yellow variegation throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Variegated Candelabra Aloe is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced garden composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Variegated Candelabra Aloe is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Variegated Candelabra Aloe foliage
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Variegated Candelabra Aloe flowers
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- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Variegated Candelabra Aloe will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity extending to 4 feet tall with the flowers, with a spread of 30 inches. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!



Variegated Candelabra Aloe in bloom
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This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in sandy soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Variegated Candelabra Aloe is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.